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LISTENERS WILL BE HEARING VOICES ON CEDILLE RECORDS IN '97

**Menotti's *The Medium*
Will Materialize on CD Next Year,
Says Label's New Catalog**

CHICAGO, Nov. 18, 1996 -- Gian Carlo Menotti's eerie opera *The Medium* will materialize, for the first time in 25 years, on Cedille Records in 1997, according to the label's latest catalog.

Headlining Menotti's popular but rarely recorded opera will be mezzo-soprano Joyce Castle, in the title role, and soprano Patrice Michaels Bedi as the daughter, Monica. The recording, produced in conjunction with Chicago Opera Theater, will be conducted by Lawrence Rapchak. The CD's May release coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opera's Broadway premiere.

Cedille's colorful 12-page catalog conjures up the label's 1997 releases with a list that includes the Cedille debut of young violinist Rachel Barton, seen worldwide on TV last spring when she performed the national anthem at the opening game of the Chicago Bulls' NBA championship finals. Barton will be featured on two releases: a disc of Handel's surprisingly little-recorded sonatas for violin and continuo, and a disc of inexplicably

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neglected violin concertos by Caribbean and European black composers of the 18th and 19th centuries.

The first disc in a major two-CD exploration of orchestral music by important American composer Leo Sowerby will feature Sowerby's tone poems, performed by the Czech National Symphony with Chicago's Paul Freeman conducting. (The second disc, scheduled for 1998 release, will include Sowerby's Second Symphony, performed by the Chicago Sinfonietta, also conducted by maestro Freeman.)

His Majesties's Clerkes, in their first Cedille recording, will perform English a capella music by Parry (*Songs of Farewell*), Vaughan Williams (Mass in G-Minor), and Stanford (motets).

1997 will also see the third and final CD in Cedille's acclaimed cycle of Liszt's complete symphonic poems for two pianos, performed by Georgia and Louise Mangos.

Cedille CDs are available nationally at finer classical record stores. For a free copy of the new catalog, consumers are invited to write to Cedille Records, 5255 N. Lakewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640-2220, or call (773) 989-2515.

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